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E.O. 11652: GDS 12/31/79

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SUBJECT: MBFR: WORK PROGRAM FOR MBFR WORKING GROUP

REF: A. USNATO 3839

B. USNATO 3840

SUMMARY. MBFR STAFF GROUP HAS REVISED AND REISSUED WORK PROGRAM FOR MBFR WORKING GROUP. REVISION WILL BE ADDRESSED DURING WG MEETING AUGUST 22. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON ACCEPTABILITY OF REVISED WORK PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

1. AS INDICATED PARA 19, REF A, STAFF GROUP HAS CIRCULATED A REVISION TO WRK PROGRAM FOR WG (REF B), IN ORDER TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT COMMENTS MADE DURING WG DISCUSSION AUGUST 14. WE VIEW REVISED WORK PROGRAM AS IMPROVEMENT OVER EARLIER VERSION AND REQUEST WASHINGTON'S GUIDANCE ON IT FOR AUG 22
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WG MEETING.

3. TEXT OF REVISED WORK PROGRAM FOLLOWS. QUOTE:

1. EXAMINATION OF THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE CONSTRAINTS, VERIFICATION AND NON-CIRCUMVENTION MEASURES FOR THE SPECIFIC REDUCTION OPTIONS OUTLINED IN THE BELGIAN, UNITED STATES AND UNITED KINGDOM PAPERS, AGAINST THE CONTINGENCY THAT THESE OPTIONS ARE WRITTEN BY THE COUNCIL.

ACTION BY THE SGMC FOR CONSTRAINTS AND NON-CIRCUMVENTION - TARGET 21 AUGUST, 1973.

ACTION BY THE SGV FOR VERIFICATION - TARGET 24 AUGUST, 1973.

2. DURING WORKING GROUP REVIEW OF EXISTING AND FORTHCOMING SHAPE ASSESSMENTS OF THE US, BELGIAN AND UK PAPERS, THE FOLLOWING MATTERS SHOULD BE HIGHLIGHTED AS RELEVANT ISSUES FOR TECHNICAL CONSIDERATION AND COMMENT:

ASSUMING ADOPTION OF A COMMON CEILING OPTION FOR THE NGLA, EXPRESSED IN MANPOWER AT A COMMON LEVEL OF 700,000, ON THE LINES OF THE US PAPER OF 27TH JULY, 1973, EXAMINE AND REPORT URGENTLY ON:

A. THE IMPLICATIONS AND EFFECTS OF THIS OPTION FOR THE MC 14/3 STRATEGY AND FORWARD DEFENCE;

B. THE EFFECTS OF THE NUCLEAR THRESHOLD.

ACTION: WORKING GROUP COMMENTS WILL REFLECT THE INPUTS OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES AS A PART OF THE REVIEW OF APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENTS BY SHAPE.

3. DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIETS ON MBFR ARE LIKELY TO BE WIDE-RANGING, AND VERY UNLIKELY TO LEAD TO PRECISE ACCORD WITH THE PREFERRED ALLIED OUTCOMES AS OUTLINED IN THE BE PAPER OF 20TH JULY, THE UK PAPER OF 30TH JULY AND THE US PAPER OF 27TH JULY. EXAMINE THE LIKELY DIRECTION OF SUCH SOVIET INITIATIVES; AND DEVISE OPTIONS AND ARGUMENTS TO COUNTER SUCH APPROACHES.

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ACTION: THIS ITEM IS TO BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING CLARIFICATION IN THE SPC ON WORKING GROUP REQUIREMENTS.

4. IN VIEW OF THE ASYMMETRIES IN THE MILITARY SITUATION IN CENTRAL EUROPE, MILITARY ASSESSMENT OF ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING THE LEAVING BEHIND OF THE EQUIPMENT OF WITHDRAWN UNITS.

ACTION BY THE STAFF GROUP - TARGET 30TH AUGUST, 1973.

END QUOTE.
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